

Human Factors and Simulation for Airport Research

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The Role of Simulation

- Determination of information requirements
- Examination of the roles of the different human operators
 - Controllers, pilots, and airlines
- Workload and Situation Awareness
- Safety assessments of airport design and tools
 - Conflict/collision logic
 - Runway occupancy
 - Runway crossings
- Development and testing of airport functions and tools



Real-Time and Fast-Time Human Performance Assessments

- Real-time assessments (time-consuming and expensive)
 - Human-in-the-Loop Simulation
 - Allows for strategic methodology
 - Allow for off-nominal testing
 - Field Testing
 - Enhanced realism
 - Restricted methodology
- Human Performance Models (fast-time)
 - Validation of these models is still in the early stage
 - Air MIDAS & TOPAZ assessments by SJSU & the NLR
 - APEX at NASA Ames

